

2013

ANNUAL REPORT



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 16, 2014

Honorable John R. Dennis
Mayor, City of West Lafayette
State of Indiana

Mayor Dennis,

Attached to this letter is the Annual Report of the Police Department of the City of West Lafayette for the calendar year of 2013. This report, compiled by our Records Division, follows the guidelines established by the United States Department of Justice.

In 2013, the department received **27,132 calls for service**, an increase of 2,935 (12%) calls for service compared to 2012. This was the first year that the WLPD responded to more than 25,000 calls for service. Calls for service in 2013 increased 17% compared to the recent five-year average and **calls for service have increased 53% overall since 2008**.

The number of **criminal arrests increased 7%** in 2013 (1,701) compared to 2012 (1,597). The number of juvenile arrests increased 4% in 2013 (55) compared to 2012 (53). Total alcohol arrests increased 2% compared to 2012 with **Operating While Intoxicated arrests up 25%** (178) and **Public Intoxication arrests down 14%** (190).

Public safety is priority one for the WLPD. West Lafayette again had no homicides or arsons in 2013. Other FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) offenses for 2013 include aggravated assaults down 58% (25), robbery down 45% (6), auto theft down 39% (17) and burglary up 11% (90). The most current five-year FBI UCR statistics confirm that West Lafayette has the **lowest combined rate of violent crime and property crime** compared to any of the Big Ten university cities and compared to any of the major university cities in Indiana.

Traffic enforcement remains a priority for the WLPD with a renewed focus on school zone safety. Officers made **11,275 traffic stops in 2013, an increase of 14%** over 2012. Of those traffic stops, 1,729 were in our school zones. Officers issued 1,266 traffic citations, an increase of 3%. Traffic crashes decreased 6% overall in 2013 with alcohol related crashes down 11%. There was one fatal vehicle crash in West Lafayette in 2013.

In 2013, the Neighborhood Resource Team and uniformed police officers worked closely together to address quality of life issues in our neighborhoods. **Noise ordinance citations were up 33%** in 2013 and total noise ordinance enforcement was up 17%. The NRT focused on code enforcement issues, parking violations and animal control issues, responding to 2,410 calls for service this past year, a 1% increase. In all, the WLPD issued 18,003 parking tickets in 2013.

Jason Dombkowski
Chief of Police

2013 POLICE ROSTER

Chief of Police	Jason L. Dombkowski	January 24, 1994
Deputy Chief	Christopher J. Leroux	January 1, 1987
Capt. of Special Services	Daniel D. Marvin	September 7, 1985
Capt. Special Assignment	Michael D. Francis	December 14, 1985
Capt. of Patrol	Gary L. Sparger	June 3, 1989
Capt. Special Assignment	John T. Walker, Jr.	November 29, 1993
Lt. of Patrol	Scott M. Fohr	June 13, 1987
Lt. of Patrol	William J. Gallagher	January 3, 1995
Lt. of Detectives	Troy W. Harris	March 9, 1998
Lt. of Patrol	David A. VanVactor	August 12, 1996
Lt. of Patrol	John D. Watson	January 29, 2003
Sgt. of Training	Matthew S. Coddington	January 1, 1985
Sgt. of Patrol	Kevin A. Flynn	January 3, 1995
Sgt. of Detectives	Cynthia A. Marion	April 20, 1991
Sgt. of Patrol	David E. Lord	October 20, 2000
Sgt. of Patrol	Jason H. Philhower	March 18, 1996
Sgt. of Patrol	Arthur A. Choate	November 20, 2000
Officer 1 st Class	Nancee L. Hetrick	June 5, 1981
Officer 1 st Class	Janet A. Shepherd	March 13, 1982
Officer 1 st Class	Michael R. Max	April 26, 1986
Officer 1 st Class	Mark A. Ridge	May 14, 1988
Officer 1 st Class	Marsha A. Miller	May 28, 1988

Officer 1 st Class	Mark A. Gosney	November 12, 1988
Officer 1 st Class	Kevin J. Coomey	January 1, 1990
Officer 1 st Class	Jeffrey J. Dunscomb	April 20, 1991
Detective	Fredrick N. Townsend	February 13, 1995
Officer 1 st Class	Gary C. Ward	March 23, 1998
Officer 1 st Class	Jeff A. Kirby	September 14, 1998
Officer 1 st Class	William J. Dearing	October 4, 1999
Officer 1 st Class	Donald E. Hartman	January 2, 2001
Officer 1 st Class	Adam S. Ferguson	January 29, 2001
Officer 1 st Class	David S. Smith	September 4, 2001
Officer 1 st Class	Jeffrey D. Decker	January 28, 2002
Officer 1 st Class	Marcus D. Slifer	July 15, 2002
Officer 1 st Class	Stason L. Wiete	September 15, 2003
Officer 1 st Class	Michael L. Brewer	June 7, 2004
Officer 1 st Class	Donald S. Greenwood	November 8, 2004
Detective	Jonathan M. Eager	June 27, 2005
Officer 1 st Class	Chad E. Kendricks	August 22, 2005
Officer 1 st Class	James M. Spray	November 20, 2006
Detective	Troy M. Greene	November 20, 2006
Officer 1 st Class	Jonathan T. Morgan	September 4, 2007
Detective	Adam S. Miller	January 7, 2008
Officer 1 st Class	Nathaniel E. Biddle	October 11, 2010
Officer 1 st Class	Jeffery M. Spicer	June 20, 2011

Officer 1 st Class	Aron M. Thompson	May 10, 2012
Officer 1 st Class	Brandon J. Bonnell	September 17, 2012
Patrol Dispatcher	David R. Stoike	April 30, 2001
Patrol Dispatcher	Kimberly A. Hines	December 20, 2003
Patrol Dispatcher	Jason A. Timmons	February 21, 2004
Patrol Dispatcher	Tiffany L. Williard	May 21, 2004
Patrol Dispatcher	Jordan D. Glick	February 15, 2011
Patrol Dispatcher	David H. Payne	May 10, 2011
*Patrol Dispatcher	Michael R. Greene	July 30, 2012
Patrol Dispatcher	Nathaniel J. Foster	October 10, 2012
Patrol Dispatcher	Christopher J. Cassidy	December 29, 2012
Patrol Dispatcher	Wendy A. Jenkinson	December 29, 2012
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Amanda L. Dearing	November 3, 2008
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Robert G. Batta	October 4, 2010
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Katharine J. Williams	October 4, 2010
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Kristin M. Johnsen	January 17, 2011
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Joseph A. Potts	April 18, 2012
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Amanda L. Martin	December 29, 2012
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	James C. Miller	January 15, 2013
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Samuel P. Smith	October 15, 2013
Code Enforce Supervisor	Rick L. Walker	July 31, 2009
ACO/Court Bailiff	John H. King	September 4, 2001
Code Enforce Officer	Jeffrey P. Ray	February 22, 2011

Parking Control Officer	Edward L. Smith	May 30, 2000
Parking Control Officer	Larry G. Grant	March 11, 2009
Parking Control Officer	Jesse L. Medrano	March 30, 2009
Maintenance Technician	Jeffrey D. Martin	June 16, 1997
Office Manager	Tamara K. Holder	May 15, 1979
Systems Manager	Vickie J. Denson	February 22, 1988
Records Clerk	Kathryn A. McCorkle	January 2, 2001
Janitorial Services	Wilma J. Mills	March 16, 1994
Crossing Guard	Martha Mugge	April 1975
Crossing Guard	Letitia Sietsma	November 1994
Crossing Guard	Kathryn Mauch	August 1997
Crossing Guard	Kathy Jones	August 1999
Crossing Guard	Vicki Burch	February 1999
Crossing Guard	Debra Foster	January 2008
Crossing Guard	Kimberly Ridge	August 2010
Crossing Guard	Lisa Sinha	April 2012
Department Chaplin	Bill Murdock	October 2003
Department Chaplin	Will Miller	October 2003
Department Volunteer	Wayne Merriman	July 2007

Total strength of the Department as of December 31, 2013:	47 Officers 38 Civilians
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Appointments:

James C. Miller	January 15, 2013	Patrol Dispatcher/PT
Samuel P. Smith	October 15, 2013	Patrol Dispatcher/PT

Resigned:

Michael R. Greene
Amanda L. Martin

February 22, 2013
August 8, 2013

*Denotes appointments, resignations, terminations, retirements and promotions

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Major Cases Investigated	Aggravated Assaults	25
	Arson	0
	Burglary/Business	10
	Burglary/Residence	80
	Homicide/Manslaughter	0
	Homicide/Murder	0
	Kidnapping	0
	Larceny	430
	Other Assaults	125
	Murder/Attempted	0
	Rape/Attempted	0
	Rape/By Force	6
	Robbery	6
	Vehicle Theft	17
	Total Major Cases:	699
Other Cases Reported	24 Hour Ordinance	23
	Accidents/All Reported	1167
	Accidents/Misc	7
	Accumulation of Garbage	3
	Alarms	281
	All Other Offenses	3
	Animal Restraining	3
	Assist Other Agency	64
	Bomb Threats	1
	City Noise Ord Violation	233
	City/County Ord & State Statute	146
	Contempt of Court	9
	Conversion/Unauthorized Control	2
	Damaged Property	45
	Death/Other than Homicide	12
	Demented/Mental	11
	Department Information	211
	Depositing Rubbish/Trash	9
	Disorderly Conduct	7
	Disturbance/Arguments/Fights	30
	Dog/Other Animals	40
	Domestic Disturbance	77
	Doors/Window Unlocked	3
	Driving While Suspended	126
	Drug Abuse Violations	191
	Drunkeness/Public Intoxication	108
	False Informing/Reporting	7

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Other Cases Reported	Fire/Non-arson	10
	Forgery/Counterfeiting	17
	Fraud	75
	Fugitive/WOW Other Agency	4
	Grass Height	3
	Harassment	55
	Ill/Injured Person	24
	Indecent/Public Exposure	1
	Junk Vehicle Violation	3
	Liquor Law Violations	24
	Misc Traffic Violation	18
	Missing/Lost Person	6
	Occupancy	1
	Offense Against Family/Child	26
	Operating While Intoxicated	143
	Parking/Private Property	52
	Property Found	96
	Property Lost	10
	Reckless Driving	5
	Residential Entry	29
	Resisting Law Enforcement	32
	Runaway	6
	Sex Offenses	6
	Soliciting	1
	Stolen Property/Rec/Poss	1
	Suicide/Attempts/Threats of	42
	Suspicious Incident/Persons	97
	Telephone Harassment	4
	Threats/Intimidation	30
	Tobacco Law Violation	2
	Tow-Ins	15
	Trespass	150
	Unregistered/Inoperable Vehicle	2
	Vandalism/Graffiti	16
	Vandalism/Mischief	192
	Weapon Violation	4
	Well Being Check	8
	Wheel Lock	108
	WL Ordinance Violation	3
	Total Other Cases:	4140
Total Cases:		4839

	2012	2013	Percentage
Calls for Service	24197	27132	12% Up
Cases Investigated	4889	4839	1% Down

UCR Part 1 Offenses:

Homicide	0	0	No Change
Rape	8	6	25% Down
Robbery	11	6	45% Down
Aggravated Assaults	59	25	58% Down
Burglary	81	90	11% Up
Arson	0	0	No Change
Auto Theft	28	17	39% Down
Larceny	379	430	13% Up

Auto Crashes:

Total	1246	1167	6% Down
Property Damage	726	692	5% Down
Personal Injury	157	157	No Change
Fatal Crashes	0	1	100% Up

Arrests:

Criminal	1597	1701	7% Up
Juvenile	53	55	4% Up

Alcohol Arrests:

Operating While Intoxicated	142	178	25% Up
Public Intoxication	220	190	14% Down
Minor In Possession of Alcohol	92	95	3% Up
Total Alcohol Arrests	454	463	2% Up

	2012	2013	Percentage
UCR Property			
Property Stolen	\$482331	\$480798	1% Down
Property Recovered	\$156232	\$108943	30% Down
Detective/Narcotic Division			
Cases Worked	220	218	1% Down
Cases Cleared/Closed	200	210	
Traffic Enforcement			
Citations	1234	1266	3% Up
Warnings	8636	10009	16% Up
Total:	9870	11275	14% Up
Noise Ordinance Enforcement			
Arrests	61	81	33% Up
Warnings	166	184	11% Up
Total:	227	265	17% Up
Total Parking Tickets	19189	18223	5% Down
Total Parking Fines Collected	\$578758	\$707170	22% Up

**CRIMINAL ARRESTS
2013**

Attempted to Commit a Felony Crime	1
Attempted Burglary	1
Auto Theft	4
Battery	42
Burglary	6
Carry a Handgun w/o a License	2
Check Deception	2
Child Molest	1
Conspiracy to Commit Murder	1
Contributing Delinquency Minor/Alcohol	1
Criminal Confinement	3
Criminal Conversion	15
Criminal Mischief	10
Criminal Reckless with Weapon	4
Criminal Recklessness with Vehicle	1
Dealing in a Narcotic Drug	2
Dealing Hashish	1
Dealing Controlled Substance	6
Dealing Marijuana	12
Dealing Methamphetamine	11
Dealing in Salvia/Synthetic Cannabinoid	2

Disorderly Conduct	35
Domestic Battery	16
Driving While Suspended	130
Escape	2
Failure to Register/Sex Offender	1
False Informing	24
Forgery	7
Fraud	2
Glue Sniffing	2
Habitual Traffic Violator	17
Identity Deception	1
Illegal Drug Lab	1
Interfere with Reporting a Crime	4
Intimidation	9
Invasion of Privacy	2
Leaving the Scene/Crash	36
Maintaining Common Nuisance	15
Minor In Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	95
Money Laundering	1
Neglect of a Dependent	1
Never Receiving a License	76
Obstructing Traffic	1
Obstruction of Justice	1

Obtaining Legend Drugs by Fraud	2
Operating without Financial Responsibility	5
Operating While Intoxicated	178
Parole Violation	1
Pointing a Firearm	3
Possession of Chemical Reagents	15
Possession of Cocaine	6
Possession of Controlled Substance	34
Possession of Hashish	1
Possession of Legend Drugs	8
Possession of Marijuana	107
Possession of Paraphernalia	56
Possession of Salvia/Synthetic Cannabinoid	35
Possession of Methamphetamine	17
Public Indecency	3
Public Intoxication	190
Receiving Stolen Property	4
Reckless Driving	5
Residential Entry	16
Resisting Law Enforcement	63
Robbery	4
Speed Contest	7
Theft	103

Trespass	33
Unlawful Entry of a Motor Vehicle	1
Unlawful Possession of Syringe	17
Unlawful Use of a License	1
Violation Interlock Device	1
Visiting Common Nuisance	3
Voyeurism	1
Wanted on Warrant	174
Total	1701

**JUVENILE ARRESTS
2013**

Battery	2
Burglary	1
Criminal Conversion	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Domestic Battery	1
Intimidation	1
Maintain a Common Nuisance	1
Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	8
Never Receiving a License	2
Possession of Marijuana	3
Possession of Paraphernalia	4
Possession of Salvia/Synthetic Cannabinoid	2
Runaway	5
Theft	20
Trespass	1
Truancy	1
Unlawful Possession of Tobacco	1
Total	55



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2013 Traffic Division Report

In 2013, the Police Department investigated a total of 1,167 automobile crashes, which resulted in a decrease from 2012 of 79 total crashes or 6%. Property damage crashes saw the largest decrease as we recorded 34 fewer crashes for a 5% decrease. Personal Injury crashes remained steady in 2013, as we again investigated 157 crashes which was the same as in 2012. The department investigated 32 alcohol related crashes during the year which is a decrease of 4 or 11% from the previous year. The department did investigate 1 fatal crash during the year. A historical look indicates that in 2013 the department investigated the fewest crashes in a ten year period. The next closest year would have been 2009 where the department investigated 1,195 total crashes.

The department participated in the Operation Pull Over Awareness Program, which is funded by the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving. Officers worked a total of 550.5 hours of extra patrol focusing enforcement in the area of intoxicated drivers and seatbelt awareness. While working these extra hours, officers made 807 traffic stops that resulted in 40 arrests for motorists found to be operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. As a department in 2013, a total of 178 arrests were made for Operating While Intoxicated, which is an increase of 36 or 25% from 2012. The department conducted 1 Sobriety Checkpoint during the year that was a joint operation with other area departments.

The department continued its enforcement efforts in the school zones throughout the city during the year. This increased effort resulted in 1,729 traffic stops being conducted for violations related to school zone safety. The department also worked with Purdue Police Department to increase education and awareness of bicycle safety issues in the Village during the Fall semester.

In 2014, the department will continue to focus on school zone safety issues and safe routes to school. We will partner with Purdue Police to work on traffic safety issues in the campus area while staying visible in the many construction areas of the city. We look forward to extending our traffic safety service to the newly annexed area and having a visible presence on the new US 231.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Leroux".

Chris Leroux
Deputy Chief

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER

CRASH COMPARISON FOR 2012 & 2013 (Year to Date Figures)

	2012	2013	UP	DOWN	%
TOTAL	1246	1167		79	6%
PD UNDER 1,000.00	198	170		28	14%
PROPERTY DAMAGE	726	692		34	5%
PERSONAL INJURY	157	157			0%
PERSONS INJURED	193	191		2	1%
FATALITY	0	1	1		100%
PERSONS KILLED	0	1	1		100%
ALCOHOL RELATED	36	32		4	11%

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Leroux
Deputy Chief

NOTE: Nine Hit & Run crashes have been included In the Total Crashes.
(A total of one hundred forty-seven Hit & Run crashes year to date)

**CRASH SUMMARY
2003 TO 2013**

Crash Type	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	1,457	1,442	1,383	1,363	1,322	1,343	1,195	1,226	1,207	1,246	1,167
PD Under \$1,000	187	296	267	245	259	246	223	239	218	198	170
Property Damage	935	779	762	759	705	753	642	678	671	726	692
Personal Injury	145	177	159	167	156	158	148	154	135	157	156
Person Injured	184	234	196	215	199	195	176	193	164	193	191
Fatality	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
Person Killed	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
Alcohol Related	37	48	51	43	47	33	33	43	37	36	32
Hit & Run Crashes	190	188	194	190	200	186	181	155	188	165	147

2013 Grant Activity

OPO Grant: 316.5 total hours worked

DUI Grant: 234 total hours worked

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: 550.5

OPO GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 326

Arrests: 16 (12 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic: 621

DUI GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 2

Arrests: 37 (28 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic: 186

WLPD conducted one sobriety check point during the year.

Total DUI arrests for WLPD during 2013: 178



Neighborhood Resource Team Summary

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	(% Change from 2012)
Parking Tickets Issued	18,926	18,003	-4.80%
Parking Ticket Revenue	\$578,758.00	\$707,170.00	22.10%
Animal Control Complaints	257	273	6.20%
Animals to Shelter	42	52	23.8%
Total Calls for Service	2,398	2410	0.01%



CITY OF
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Neighborhood Resource Team 2013

	Code Enforcement Complaints	Parking Tickets Issued	Revenue	Animal Control Complaints	Shelter
January	99	1496	\$49,705.00	13	1
February	151	1639	\$58,935.00	15	4
March	212	1367	\$53,330.00	14	4
April	183	2360	\$84,480.00	16	7
May	364	1164	\$64,705.00	33	6
June	291	1075	\$40,265.00	40	9
July	156	924	\$37,550.00	34	6
August	229	1696	\$48,945.00	18	3
September	215	2241	\$82,230.00	31	2
October	196	2068	\$81,110.00	32	3
November	88	1301	\$59,600.00	15	5
December	226	672	\$46,315.00	12	2
Total	2410	18003	\$707,170.00	273	52